Visit of Journalists to China to cover the PM's recent visit

2648. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state·

(a) names and addresses of the journalists along with the papers etc., that they represented who went to China to cover the Prime Minister's recent visit;

(b) whether some such persons were asto included against whom sedition cases are there; and

(c) what are the guidelines for selection of journalists?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) A statement is attached (See below):

(b) None of the journalists who accompanied PM during his visit to China is involved in sedition cases, to the knowledge of the Central Government.

(c) The main criterion is to secure the best possible coverage for India's foreign policy initiative and PM's visits. Weightage is given to person having experience in covering international affairs. Representation is given to regional language newspapers, to the extent possible.

Statement

List of Journalists who accompanied Prime Minister to China

Sl. No.	Name of correspondents	Names of Newspapers
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1	Harihar Swarup, Chief of Bureau	PTI, New Delhi.
2	Virendru Mohan, Chief of Bureau	UNI, New Delhi.
3	M.K. Dhar, Chief of Bureau	Hindustan Times, New Delhi.
4	Subhash Chakravarty, Chief of Bureau	Times of India, New Delhi.
5	R.K. Mishra, Editor	Patriot, New Delhi.
6	K.V. Rama Sharma, Chief of Bureau	National Herald, New Delhi.
7	T.N. Ninan, Executive Editor	Economic Times, New Delhi.
8	V.N. Narayanan, Editor	Tribune, Chandigarh.
9	N. Ram, Editor	Hindu, Madras.
10	Hari Kumar, Editor	Deccan Herald, Bangalore.
11	G.S. Chawla, Spl. Correspondent	Pioneer, Lucknow.
12	Dinesh Sharma, Spl. Correspondent	Amrita Bazar Patrika, Calcutta
13	M.J. Akbar, Editor	Telegraph, Calcutta.
14	Venkatarama Reddy, Editor	Deccan Chronicle, Hyderabad.
15	Binod Mishra, Adviser	Hindustan, New Delhi.
16	Praful Maheshwari, Editor	Navbharat, Bhopal.
17	Anil Narendra, Editor	Veer Arjun, New Delhi.
18	Abhay Chajlani, Editor	Nai Duniya, Indore.
19	Gopesh Pandey, Spl., Correspondent	Aaj, Varanasi.

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20	Anil Agarwal, Editor	Amar Ujala, Agra.
21	Madan Mohan Gupta, Jt. Editor	Jagran, Bhopal.
22	Vijay Kumar Chopra, Editor	Hind Samachar, Jallandhar.
23	Moin Farooqi, Editor	Angarey, Hyderabad.
24	Mohan Chiragi, Resident Editor	Quami Awaz, New Delhi.
25	Sahid Siddiqui, Editor	Nai Duniya, New Delhi.
26	Yashpal, Editor	Daily Milap, Jallandhar.
27	R. Krishnamoorthy, Editor	Dinamalar, Madras.
28	Smt. Gowri Chatterji, Asstt. Editor	Ananda Bazar Patrika, Calcutta.
29	T.R. Ramaswamy, Editor	Makkal Kural, Madras.
30	I. Venkata Rao, Chief of Bureau	Andhra Jyoti, Hyderabad.
31	K. Obedullah, Asstt. Editor	Malayala Manorama, Calicut.
32	V.K. Madhavan Kutty, Editor	Mathrubhumi, Trivandrum.
33	Venkatnarayan, News Editor	Samyukta Karnataka, Bangalore.
34	Yashwant N. Shah, Editor	Jai Hind, Rajkot.
35	R.K. Karanjia, Editor	Blitz, Bombay.
36	Dilip Bobb, Editor	India Today, New Delhi.
37	Udayan Sharma, Editor	Ravivar, Calcutta.
38	Harbhajan Singh, Editor	Indian Observer, New Delhi.
39	Ranjan Gupta	Freelance Columnist, N. Delhi.
40	Munish Gupta, Spl. Correspondent	Asian News International, New Delhi.
41	S.D. Gokhle, Editor	Kesari, Pune.
42	Saeed Naqvi, Editor	World Report, New Delhi.
43	Inderjit, Editor	INFA, New Delhi.
44	D.B. Chaudhary, Editor	Dainik Navjoyoti, Ajmer.
45	Father Alexander Paikade	Deepika Daily, Kottayam.
	Documentary film team consisting of :	
46	Smt. Simrita Grewal	Siga Arts International.
47	Navrose Rustomji	Do.
48	G.V. Somashekhar	Do.